



SAINT JOHN
the Evangelist

CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

30 August 2026

Welcome to St John's

Come in and sit down, relax, don't stress. I welcome you to our beautiful parish & church. Please feel welcome and tell me if you need anything.

Keep Smiling, Francis Tran PP



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-27

'Get behind me, Satan!'

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear
you.



Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful Departed—

Anniversaries / Special Intentions: Julio, Eliza & Jose Teixeira



BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Kyson Beckett, Malaki Josevski-Sa, Myles Camilleri, Lana Miron, Kirra Slabb, Sasithorn Poonphetcharat, Hui Wu, Ariana & Matilda Wu, Anita O'Meara

POT LUCK DINNER

Everyone is invited to attend the next Pot luck dinner on Friday 4 September at 6pm at the back of the presbytery. Cook your favourite dish, bring a plate/meal/drinks to share.

CHURCH ROSTER

The next Church roster will be out in the coming weeks. If you would like to volunteer to read at any of the masses, please write your contact details and preferred mass on the sheet in the foyer of the Church.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DEACON SETH HARSH

All parishioners are warmly invited to share in the great joy of the **ordination to the priesthood of Deacon Seth Harsh**, celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord, on **Saturday 12 September 2026 at 10:30am** at **Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church, Rosemeadow**.

Please come and support Seth with your presence and prayers as he takes this beautiful step in his vocation and begins his priestly ministry.

RSVP is essential by 1 September 2026

rsvp.dow.org.au (preferred) or phone (02) 4222 2400.

ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC AND DISPLAY COMING HERE IN SEPTEMBER!

Our diocese is excited to be hosting the International Carlo Acutis Major Relic Pilgrimage between 14-21 September 2026. The relic will visit the parishes of Oran Park (Mon 14th), Rosemeadow (Tue 15th) Nowra (Wed 16- Thurs 17th), and the Wollongong Cathedral (Fri 18 - Mon 21), with opportunities for veneration of the first-class relic of St Carlo, participating in the sacraments, and visiting St Carlo's own Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Everyone, but especially students and young adults will be amazed and drawn into a deep experience of faith in encountering St Carlo's story, relic and the display. Go to <https://www.stcarloaustralia.com/> for more information.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Make sure you check out our Father's Day Raffle!! Tickets are available in the foyer; they are one ticket for \$2 or three tickets for \$5. The raffle will be drawn on the 30th of August and winners notified from there. We thank you for your support!!

ORDERS FOR POETRY 101

Dear Parishioners

Orders for Poetry 101 can be made by putting the order form and money into an envelope and placing it in the box in the church foyer over the next few weeks

Alternatively, those wishing to order digitally simply make a payment to our parish fundraising account BSB: 066711 Account: 002846 using your surname as your reference. A payment of \$30 indicates that your order is for 3 books.

Orders will be accepted until Monday 7th September.

Books will be available for pick up at all masses on the weekend of 12th/13th September. If you are unable to attend Mass that weekend, you will be able to collect your copy from the piety shop in the foyer.

Several retailers are advertising the book. Their cost is in excess of \$20 a copy.

To assist with marketing, please consider giving the book a plug on social media.

Warm regards, Steve Leonard

FREE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SESSION

Every marriage benefits from time, attention and care. CatholicCare, in partnership with St Therese Parish, invites married and committed couples to attend a FREE Marriage Enrichment Session on Saturday 19 September.

This welcoming session provides couples with an opportunity to strengthen their relationship, improve communication, deepen understanding, and reconnect amidst the busyness of everyday life. Whether you have been together for a few years or many decades, the session offers practical insights and meaningful conversations to help your relationship thrive.

Date: Saturday 19 September. Location: St Therese Parish, West Wollongong. Cost: Free.

Places are limited and registrations are essential.

For more information or to register, please contact CatholicCare on 1800 967 894 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au.

EUCCHARIST28 UPDATE: Eternal Life in the Eucharist

The International Eucharistic Congress ('Eucharist28') is coming to Sydney in 2028! At every Mass, the celebration of the Eucharist is a moment of communion, where we are united in Christ, who's body and blood we share. In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." (John 6:54) Through the Eucharist, Christ unites us to Himself and draws us into the eternal life He promises. This invitation is for everyone, even those who have died. At each Mass, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice for the faithful departed, that they may experience eternal life and unity with Christ. To help your parish and community experience this moment of Eucharistic renewal on the journey to Eucharist28, head to eucharist28.org for more.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - Monday, 5 October at 9:30am

As usual, the Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 5 October at 9:30am at the Parish of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger crocodiles on a tight leash.

The feast of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated with special Masses on Saturday, 3 October at 5:30pm and on Sunday, 4 October, at 8:00am – pets are welcome at both Masses.

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Cursillo Diocesan Women's Encounter, Thursday 10 September to Sunday 13 September 2026 Carmel House Varroville

Cursillo is a life changing experience providing a method to support and nurture our faith journey and enable us to live vibrant Gospel oriented lives. The weekend will include talks, discussions fostering friendship, daily Mass, spiritual direction, good music, fun and laughter. Cost: \$320 (payment options available) covers all meals, accommodation, resources and activities. Enquiries: Shirley Parker 0431 513 109 cursillo3day-weekend@hotmail.com dow.sh/cursillo

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 – Diocesan Pilgrimage One Year to go until World Youth Day Seoul 2027!

Applications are open for the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage. If you're interested in joining thousands of young Catholics from around the world for this once-in-a-lifetime experience of faith, community and pilgrimage, visit dow.org.au/wyd27 for information on the itinerary, costs, travel arrangements and FAQs. An information night will be held on Wednesday 2 September 2026 from 6-8pm at the Xavier Conference Rooms (38 Harbour St Wollongong) to provide further information and provide a chance for potential pilgrims to meet each other. Anyone looking to apply is required to attend this session. Join our mailing list at dow.sh/wyd27 to receive the latest updates and announcements.

JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS

Warrawong and Thirroul parishes warmly welcome pilgrimage groups to visit them during the Jubilee Year of St Francis. A plenary indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, to all the faithful "who, with a heart detached from sin, participate in the Year of Saint Francis by visiting, in the form of a pilgrimage, any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship anywhere in the world dedicated to Saint Francis" (Decree, 10 January 2026). Both parishes will be celebrating the Feast of St Francis with special Masses on **Sunday 4 October 2026**. Please contact the parish/es to arrange a time for your group's visit.

Renewed & Sent: Parish Renewal Summit Bishop Brian Mascord invites you to the Renewed & Sent Parish Renewal Summit, to be held at St Gregory's College, Campbelltown, from 1–3 October 2026.

Join clergy, religious, lay leaders, ministry volunteers and parishioners from across the Diocese of Wollongong for three days of inspiring keynote presentations, practical workshops, prayer, and opportunities to connect with others who share a passion for the future of our parishes.

This opportunity aligns with Bishop Brian Mascord's *Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes*, helping us to grow as communities where people encounter Jesus, become his disciples, and are sent to share the Gospel.

Whether you come on your own or as part of a parish team, you'll leave encouraged, inspired, and equipped with practical ideas to help your parish grow in faith, mission, and community.

For the full program and registrations, visit renewedandsent.com.au.

Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

5/6 Sept	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	A Harnett	M Harnett	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	E Brennan	D Barry	G Teixeira, E Brennan, D Clegg	
Sun 9.30am	P Stephens	S Iverson	E Gill, L Foy, S Iverson	
Sun 6pm		K Gurney	G Knowles	

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	Mass	5pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass Followed by Benediction	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am
Saturday	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11am - 12pm 4.30pm 5pm
Sunday	Mass Baptisms	7.30am 9.30am - (Children's Liturgy) 6pm Every Sunday 11am

Baptisms – Sundays 11am. Bookings through parish office.

Marriages – Please contact Priest 6 months prior to wedding date.

Nursing Home Masses :

St Luke's NH: 1st Tue of month at 10.45am

William Beach NH: 2nd Wed of month at 2pm

Hammond Care: 3rd Thursday of month at 11am.

Sick Calls – Please contact Fr Francis or the parish office.

Wollongong Hospital Chaplain – Fr Joseph - 0475 815 506

West Dapto Catholic Cemetery - Plots are for sale.
Please contact the Parish Office.

THE ORDER OF THE MASS - QR CODE

Anyone who would like to follow the mass which is generally is available from the cards and the end of the pews at the entrance of the church, can now scan the QR code and follow the mass using your device.



Welcome to St John's!

Are you new to our Parish? Have you registered at the office that you attend our church?

Please feel free to inform us of your arrival in our Parish as we would love to know that you are here and get to know you.

Please feel free to complete this form and return it to the office or place it in one of the collections at mass.

NAME/S:.....

CHILDREN:.....

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:.....MOBILE:.....

EMAIL:.....

Would you like to join in planned giving to support our Parish? **Yes / Not now**

Please see Fr Francis or contact the office on 4261 1315

Thank you for making a difference to our Parish